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Lorado Taft
Quincy, Illinois

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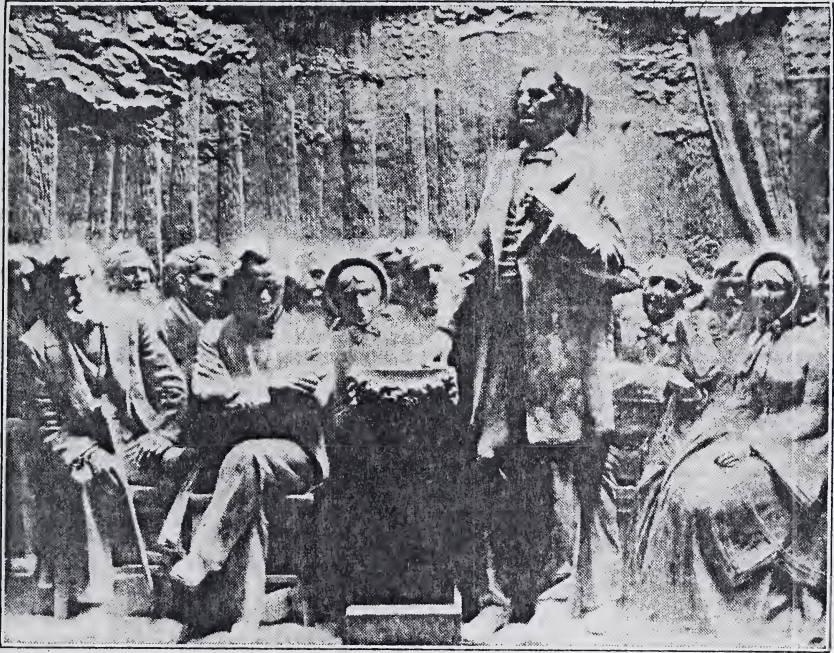
Photograph of clay molding of Lorado Taft's Lincoln-Douglas plaque, to be erected in Washington park at site of famous debate, twenty-seven years ago.



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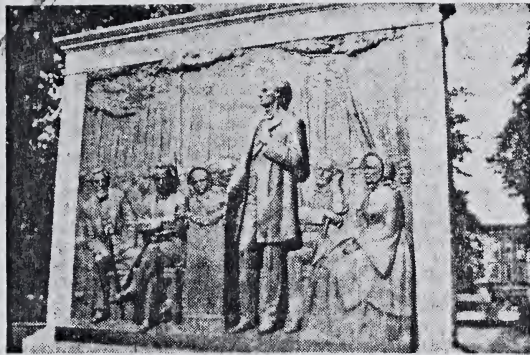
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DEDICATE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS PLAQUE TUESDAY



This bronze tablet designed by Lorado Taft, famous Chicago sculptor, depicting debate Oct. 13, 1858, between famous Illinoisans, will decorate a memorial in Washington park, Quincy, where contest was held. The memorial will be dedicated on the seventy-eighth anniversary of the event.

[Associated Press Photo.]



—Contest Newsphoto by Everett Hopson.

A view of the Lincoln-Douglas debate memorial in the square of Washington park at Quincy, is shown, the entry of Everett Hopson, 402 West North Grand avenue. The marker shows the place one of the famed series of debates was held. Entrant Hopson used an Agfa camera. *See State Journal 8-18-40*



JOHN WOOD

First Citizen of Quincy

This monument, honoring the man who established the city of Quincy, is located in Washington Park, Quincy.

Quincy Has Colorful History

John Wood, first citizen of Quincy, was born in Moravia, Cayuga County, New York, December 20, 1798. His father, a surgeon and captain during the Revolutionary War, was a man of unusual attainments as a scholar and linguist.

In December, 1822, Wood, in company with a man named Longley, erected the first cabin in Quincy. Not a nail was used in its construction, it being fastened together by wooden pegs.

John Wood was elected a member of the State Senate in 1852 and served with marked ability during the sessions of 1853 and 1855. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in November, 1856. When Governor Bissell died on March 18, 1860, Mr. Wood automatically became Governor of the State of Illinois.

In 1864, when more than 65 years old, Mr. Wood raised the 100 day regiment, the 138th Illinois Infantry and served as Colonel. He led this regiment to Memphis where it saw much service.

Virden Group Trees Trimmed

The Asplundh tree trimmers have completed their work in the Virden Group, with the exception of some trimming to be done on the high line.

Expeditionary Force To J

During the last week in September a small task force of volunteers from the ranks of Division M's "Foreign Legion" took part in an expedition deep into the interior of Division J.

The primary purpose of this mission was to effect the exchange of voltage regulators between the Shelbyville and Pittsfield substations. This exchange was necessary to complete the final conversion of the distribution voltage at Shelbyville to 4,000 Y. The two crews compared notes on conditions in their respective Divisions. Such items as food, rooming accommodations, supervising personnel, material deliveries, expense accounts, tools, equipment and the weather were all given due consideration. (As none of the Division M boys stayed in J—none of J boys returned to M, we assume that all were satisfied with their own pastures.)

An interesting side-trip was taken to Valley City to call on Division M's envoy to Division J—William Gaslin. He escorted the boys on an inspection tour of the Valley City substation, the Kraft Cheese Company's vinegar plant and apple storage, and the Valley City mountain peaks from which it was possible to see from Pike County across the river bank into the United States. The high water marks, left by the recent flood, were of unusual interest; however, the new Thyrite lightning arresters on the substation must make up for the inconveniences caused by the flood.

Fish Fry For Harry Kincade

A farewell party for Harry Kincade was given in the form of a fish fry, August 25, by H. C. Winston, electric utility man in Quincy. The menu was enjoyed on the back lawn of the Winston home and members of the electric section were the guests. Mr. Kincade was presented with a traveling bag as a farewell gift. Mr. Kincade left the employ of our Company to locate in Portland, Oregon.

DeKalb Plant Increases Load

The DeKalb Agricultural Association Hybrid Seed Corn Plant at Tuscola has increased its load. The transformer bank has been increased from 150 KVA to 225 KVA. This increase is due to the tremendous increase in the hybrid seed corn production.



LINCOLN-DOUGLAS MEMORIAL

Quincy, Illinois

Imposing bronze memorial, created by Lorado Taft, commemorates the debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas on October 13, 1858, in Quincy.

Plaque Marks Historic Site

The Lincoln - Douglas Memorial, which was dedicated October 13, 1936, is located in Washington Park, Quincy, facing Fifth Street, between Maine and Hampshire.

The monument, a gift of the State of Illinois to the citizens of Quincy and Adams County, cost \$10,000. Lorado Taft, eminent American sculptor, was selected to create a plaque which would recreate the scene of the debate.

With impressive ceremonies lasting from 2:30 until 5:00 P. M., on October 13, 1936, the bronze memorial commemorating the debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, on October 13, 1858, was dedicated and unveiled in Washington Park, exactly 78 years after the political giants of early Illinois debated the slavery question in the pioneer village square where now stands the impressive bronze and granite memorial. This memorial was placed as near as possible to the site of the stand from which Lincoln and Douglas spoke 78 years ago.

Governor Horner made the dedication address.

DeKalb Association Improves

The DeKalb Agricultural Association of Tuscola has added a new corn crib and drying unit to its plant, with about 90 horsepower additional load.

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